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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) In a valve for controlling fluids, having a holder body (31) including a receptacle (32) containing a piezoelectric actuator unit (33) and a hydraulic coupler module (34) that has at least one positioning piston (~~37, 61~~) and at least one actuating piston (39) that is operatively connected to the positioning piston (~~37, 61~~) via a hydraulic coupler (38) and actuates a valve-closure member (27) that cooperates with at least one valve seat (29, 30) and, in the closed position, prevents a flow of fluid from a valve chamber (25) to a return conduit (45), **the improvement comprising a seal (50) guiding the positioning piston (~~37, 61~~) in the receptacle (32), wherein the positioning piston (61) comprises an annular collar (62) and a positioning washer (63), and wherein the seal (50) is disposed between the annular collar (62) and the positioning washer (63).**

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. **(Previously presented)** The valve according to claim 8, wherein the seal (50) is embodied in the form of an O-ring.

Claims 12-16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Previously presented)** The valve according to claim 8, characterized in that the receptacle (32) is embodied with a first diameter in the region of the coupler module (34) and with a second diameter that is smaller than the first diameter, and wherein the seal (50) is disposed in the region of the second diameter.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Previously presented)** The valve according to claim 11, characterized in that the receptacle (32) is embodied with a first diameter in the region of the coupler module (34) and with a second diameter that is smaller than the first diameter, and wherein the seal (50) is disposed in the region of the second diameter.

21. **(Canceled)**

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22. **(Previously presented)** The valve according to claim 17, wherein an insertion bevel (48) connects the two receptacle regions with different diameters.

23. **(Canceled)**

24. **(Canceled)**

25. **(Previously presented)** The valve according to claim 20, wherein an insertion bevel (48) connects the two receptacle regions with different diameters.

26. **(Canceled)**